



Sacred Heart Church

Parish of The Sacred Heart, Flitwick
Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council
Thursday, 14 January 2021 by Zoom

PRESENT

Paula Bates	Helen Burgess
Fr. John Danford	Mick Fagan
John McNeil	Deacon Philip Pugh
Roger Wilshaw – Chair	Suzanne Yates
Peter Leatherland - PAC	

APOLOGIES

Maggie Dullaghan	John Fletcher
Diana Page	

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1	Opening prayer said by Fr. John RW welcomed MF and JMc to the group and congratulated MD on her marriage	
2	Apologies – as above	
3	Minutes of March meeting to go on website	– SY to add to website
4	Matters Arising All on agenda	
5	Focus Areas RW <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – How we want to be and how we want to grow in the year ahead. – RW went through the renewal slides from our last meeting. He wants to get some new parishioners involved in our 3 focus areas of community, formation and resources. – Meet in small groups – RW to organise the groups and find a chair for each <p>How can we do what we need to do?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – How to reach families? – Perhaps have family prayers – Look to do something with young families in March – JMc suggested a short session on a Sunday with HB and Fr. John 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RW and SY to organise the groups • Need a leader to do this

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – These need to be regular, structures and for 15 to 20 minutes. Mothering Sunday 14 March and one more in Lent – Ask all PPC members what areas interest them as well as some other parishioners – This to be done in the next month so to ready to start in March – Need to use the skills we have – PL agreed to participate – How will we emerge from Lockdown 3. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • List the 3 areas and ask members their preference.
6	<p>Standing Items</p> <p>(i) Health and Safety – JFle Nothing to report at the moment. DPP told us that the church had gone back to 2 metre spaces for when we open again</p> <p>(ii) Safeguarding – PB Danielle and Lorraine have been on furlough intermittently over the past 10 months. They have been keeping in touch via email. Parish Safeguarding Reps have been given guidance on how to process any new DBS applications with social distancing, however that was before this last lockdown. Aside from renewals (best practice is a DBS is renewed" every 3 years) I am not aware of any outstanding DBS applications. I have been contacted by a parishioner to check when their DBS was issued as they couldn't locate their certificate. They are volunteering for the Covid vaccination programme. I can easily do this for anyone else. Feel free to publish this and can they contact me via safeguarding@sacredheartflitwick.co.uk. A child DBS cannot be used with adults.</p> <p>(iii) Children Liturgy Report – PB Nothing to report due to COVID-19.</p> <p>(iv) Catechist Report – DPP This is on hold until after Easter. We need more catechists. Luxor to be on 31 January</p> <p>(v) Finance The 200 Club for 2020 is finished and the new one</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JFle able to go into church when he wishes • HB to send SY details for newsletter

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	<p>for 2021 starts in February. There are 134 people involved and we have £4100.</p> <p>Some ideas to use the money include illuminating the stain glass window at behind the altar, more digital improvements. The card reader is a great idea.</p> <p>(vi) Calendar of Events and Social Activities – SY Not available due to Covid</p> <p>(vii) Social Media – MD We have 183 people who Like our page. As usual, it has been a great way of keeping people informed of what has been happening.</p> <p>(viii) CTA&F – HB Churches Together has been very quiet through the pandemic. Local Churches busy with their own challenges. We have also had the Chair person and Secretary stand down and as yet not replaced. However, Christian Unity week is drawing near Jan 18th - 24th. We are hosting a prayer service on the 24th via zoom at 7.30pm. Andrea Maffei and Helen Burgess leading this.</p> <p>(ix) PAC – PL Parishes are using Zoom to meet and more communication is now on email. There is some collaboration between the churches in the area. There is a great deal of reliance on Zoom and not much personal contact but it is not possible with Covid.</p>	
7	<p>Meetings 2021</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 11 March ▪ 13 May ▪ 10 June AGM ▪ 8 July ▪ 16 September ▪ 11 November 	
8	<p>AOB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bereavement Mass – will have a memorial Mass later in the year. Each family have had the opportunity to have a Mass • Lent – planning activities in a meeting 19 January • Women's World Day of Prayer Debbie Lewis kindly agreed to join this following Kate leaving the parish. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DPP, RW and SY to organise something • Ask Carmel what she has in mind • PB and DPP are working on this and details to be

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	<p>The WWDP have contacted PB (we are the host church this year) with a few suggestions how to proceed on the assumption we are under lockdown/restrictive measures. Looking to do the event in the church and put on YouTube.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Concerns have been raised about Lockdown loneliness. The SVP are keen to start a version of Call & Care <p>Concerned with the loneliness families are facing in this isolation</p> <p>MF suggested we try something social on Zoom such as a quiz.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Communion is not available in homes at the moment 	<p>discussed with Fr. John</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> RW to work with MF to organise this.
9	Meeting closed with a prayer led by DPP	